

FOREMEN'S UNION

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2012 @ 7 PM

Reminder: December 23rd is the last day for the payroll of 2011. Please check your hours!

Paid Holidays: Christmas Eve (Saturday December 24th) Christmas Day (Sunday December 25th) New Years Eve (Saturday December 30th) and New Years Day (Sunday January 1st 2012) are paid holidays. To be eligible for holiday pay, you must work or be available for work at least 2 days of the week, Tuesday through Friday and Monday does not count as one of them because when a holiday falls on a weekend it is observed on the following Monday at the overtime rate of pay. Flops do not count as a day of availability. Vacation claims must include Monday through Friday of the respective Holiday weeks.

Holiday Dispatch: Dispatch for Christmas Day and Monday December 26th will take place Saturday December 24th Between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, The office will be closed after 3:00 pm. Dispatch for New Years Day and Monday January 2nd will take place Saturday December 31 between 2:00 pm and 3:00 pm, The office will be closed after 3:00 pm. Deadline to check-in will be 1:30 PM

<u>Exception:</u> An extended shift may be worked from <u>3 PM</u> to <u>5 PM</u> on **Saturday, December 24** and **Saturday, December 31** to finish a ship or train otherwise all work is to end at <u>3 PM</u>.

Nominations for office: Nomination Forms are available in the business office immediately following the January meeting and shall remain available until thirty-six (36) hours following the March membership meeting. Elections shall be held for all officers and committees on March 16th. To apply for an elective position, you must have been a member of Local 94 and in good standing in the previous year and any fines and/or assessments owed must be paid prior to close of nominations or you shall be removed from the ballot.

<u>Voting:</u> Our General Election will take place Friday March 16, 2012 at Local 63 between the hours of 6 AM and 7 PM. Members that meet the criteria of Article VI of the Foremen's Union Local 94 Constitution and By-Laws Section 1. Absentee Ballot "Sick and injured members, and those members away who wish to vote in an election, can do so by applying to the Secretary-Treasurer for an absentee ballot" This must be done by 12 noon on March 9, 2012 and received as per the instructions that will be included by March 16, 2012 no later than 3 PM. If a Run – Off Election is needed your Absentee request must be made by 12 noon on March 16, 2012 and received by March 23, 2012 no later than 3 PM. The Run – Off Election if needed will take place on March 23 between the hours of 6 AM and 7 PM at Local 63. As per our General Rule #1 "All active members are required to vote at all elections, regular or special, or be fined \$50 for failure to do so, except sick or injured members, or members on vacation and vacation is on file with the Secretary-Treasurer".

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Time Books: Are being printed and should be available the first week of January.

Dues for 2011: The maximum paid for Union Dues and Assessments in 2011 was \$3,275.00

<u>Personal Information:</u> Please make sure that all of your contact information, phone numbers and addresses have been updated. If you wish to have your e-mail address added to your personal file, please e-mail me at trudeau@ilwu94.org and include your name.

<u>Dock Only:</u> Please make sure that all of your Doctors notes are up-to-date to continue as dock only. <u>If you fail to update your status, you will be removed from the Dock only list.</u>

<u>Meeting Fines:</u> All active members are required to attend at least one meeting every two months or be fined \$50. Members who are on the sick list, working, excused by the Secretary-Treasurer, or on a claimed vacation are excused from the meeting as an excused absence. Your presence will be required at the next available meeting or you will be fined \$50 for missing two consecutive meetings.

<u>ILWU Federated Auxiliary 8:</u> Is looking for some new members and is open to all women (excluding casuals) associated with the ILWU. The Officers feel that this is a great opportunity for your Wives, Mothers, and Sisters to get involved in the ILWU. Please call Maureen Montoya at 310-946-5049

<u>Vacation Checks:</u> Vacation check notices will be sent out **January 13th**. If you have a claim or shortage, please notify the office. The distribution of the Vacation checks will be **February 10th** 2012. Part or all of your vacation check may be contributed to your 401 (K). Call Fidelity at 1-800-761-4598

<u>On Time:</u> Too many of our members are reporting late for work (day/night) and with members marked home maybe they should be replaced by someone who would enjoy the opportunity to represent this great Union and that will be on time! <u>PLEASE JUST BE ON TIME.</u>

<u>Retirement</u>; We had a total of 10 members retire this year. We would like to thank them for all their years of dedicated service and wish them well.

Active Deceased; Richard Hernandez #35411 and Philip Medina #31328

The person who knows "how" will always have a job.

The person who knows "why" will always be his boss.

In Solidarity: